

LIST OF INTERVIEWEES

(in alphabetical order)

Kenneth Agnew: Responsible for designing the RCA prototype King's Fund Bed. Recruited to work on the Hospital Equipment Project in 1961, after graduating from the Department of Design Research(Engineering) at the RCA. Previously qualified as an architect. Became a central figure in the King's Fund Bed Project and many subsequent projects in the Department. Left to become Professor of Design at the University of Ulster in 1978. Retired 1998.

Interviews: 6.8.98, 22.6.00, 9.8.00.

L Bruce Archer: Leader of a research unit originally established in the Department of Industrial Design(Engineering) at the RCA in 1961 to work on hospital equipment, including the King's Fund Bed. Qualified in mechanical engineering and engineering design after the war and worked in production engineering. Guest lecturer, Hochschule für Gestaltung, Ulm, 1960-61. Made a professor at the RCA when an independent Department of Design Research was created in 1972, self-funded by outside contracts. The Department was disbanded in 1986 following reorganisations at the RCA. Archer retired from the College in 1988. He was a member of the Design Council from 1972-80. A leading figure in the Design Methods movement from the 1960's onwards, he remains heavily involved with design methodology and its offshoot, computer aided design.

Interviews: 14.5.98, 10.5.99, 9.5.00.

Lawrence Brandes: Personal Private Secretary to Enoch Powell, Minister of Health, from 1959-62. Then Assistant Secretary and Undersecretary, Ministry of Health until 1976.

Interviews: 16.4.98, 2.10.00

Kenneth Crisp: Engineering designer for Evered and Co., Birmingham, designed their version of the King's Fund Bed circa 1970. Joined the Company after leaving the army. Now runs own business making hospital beds and other equipment in Walsall.

Interview: 20.7.00

Kenneth Dobbie: Electrical Safety Engineer at the Ministry of Health and DHSS, 1963 -1976. The post, created in 1950, was abolished on Dobbie's retirement in 1976.

Interview: 6.6.00

Mary Larret: Matron, Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, 1964-71, at the time of the King's Fund Bed trials there. Formerly at St George's Hospital, London.

Interview: 10.5.99

Shirley Lockett: Sister in charge, Wellington Ward, Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, at the time of the trials of the King's Fund Bed.

Interview: 10.5.99

Doreen Norton: State Registered Nurse co-opted onto RCA Hospital Equipment and King's Fund Bed projects, 1961-1963. Co-author of *An Investigation into Geriatric Nursing Problems in Hospital* with the

geriatrician, A.N.Exton-Smith, in 1962. Well known to the Royal College of Nursing and a member of 'the proppers', an informal group of senior nurses interested in nursing research who met in the 1960's at the King's Fund. (So-called because they were improving nursing the 'proper' way, and also supporting each other.) Left RCA team to work for the National Corporation for the Care of Old People in 1963.

Interview (telephone): 22.4.99.

Gillian Patterson: Originally employed as Archer's secretary at the RCA in 1961. Became Information Research Officer on the King's Fund Bed Project and subsequently ran many projects in Archer's unit when they inclined more to information handling than design. Became an expert on 'user specifications' and a Research Fellow in the Department of Design Research. Retired 1988.

Interviews: 29.1.98, 14.9.98, 29.4.99

Irfon Roberts: Secretary to the King's Fund Working Party on Hospital Beds, 1963-7. Joined the King's Fund Bursar scheme to train in hospital administration after the war. Secretary, Westminster Children's Hospital, then at the King's Fund central offices from 1961. Became an Assistant Director of the King's Fund Hospital Centre. Retired 1981.

Interview: 27.7.98

Peter Siddall: Family member and junior manager at Siddall and Hilton Ltd., long-established hospital bed makers in Halifax, when they produced their King's Fund Bed in the early 1970's. Chairman from 1992.

Interview(telephone): 19.6.00

Toby Weston: Director of J.Nesbit-Evans and Co.Ltd. largely responsible for getting the King's Fund Bed into production in 1967. A career naval officer, he entered commerce after retiring from the Royal Navy aged 39. Interview: 25.11.98.